(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether these banks have submitted a statement for the consideration of the Government; and

(d) if so, the Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) to (d). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Loans to Educated Unemployed Youth

1801. SHRI RAM NARAIN BERWA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to increase the amount of loans given under the scheme for providing Self- Employment to Educated Unemployed Youth;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) to (c). The scheme for providing Self Employment to the Educated Unemployed Youth (SEEUY) is administered by Development Commissioner, Small Scale Industries in the Ministry of Industry. After identification of the beneficiaries and subject to their projects being founds feasible/ viable by DIC Task Force, banks provide to each entrepreneur a composite loan not exceeding Rs. 35,000/- for industrial ventures, Rs. 25,000/- for service ventures and Rs. 15,000/- for small business ventures. The operational details of the scheme like target group, size of target, coverage, size of loan and subsidy etc., remain under review and evaluation by the Government in consultation with Reserve Bank of India.

[*English*]

Gold Smuggling

1802. SHRI SHRABAN KUMAR PATEL:
SHRI CHHITUBHAI GAMIT:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether gold smuggling in increasing;

(b) the number of gold smuggling cases detected and the value of gold seized during the last two years;

(c) the number of cases in which prosecution has been launched/settled/pending;

(d) the number of cases in which fine was imposed or jail sentences were awarded during the above period;

(e) whether the withdrawal of Gold Control Order is one of the reasons for increase in smuggling of gold; and

(f) if so, the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) to (d). Available reports and the seizures made indicate that gold continues to be sensitive to smuggling into the country. However, since smuggling is a clandestine activity, it is not possible to say whether the instances of gold smuggling are increasing. The quantity and value of gold seized during the last 2 years are given below:-